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REMARKS

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1. On 13 and 14 June, six officers were seen inspecting close-order drill by platoons of about 40 men each in Camp "Werder near Jueterbog (N 52°E 69). The soldiers were from 20 to 22 years of age and wore red-bordered black epaulets. Armored reconnaissance cars on blocks, [redacted] the headquarters building. Student drivers were trained on tanks in the training area behind Camp Sections No 1b and 15. Camp Sections No 1 and 2 quartered about 1,400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia, and who had come from Jueterbog-Altes Lager with their commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Balbanovski (fmu). \*

2. Camp Section No 3 quartered about 350 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; Camp Section No 4, about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and Camp Section No 11 about 600 troops. New earth shelters were under construction in the eastern portion of Camp Section No 15. The bunkers there totaled 28, 20 of which contained ammunition, 3 deadlined materiel, and 5 were still empty. [redacted]

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On a blackboard on the wall of the headquarters building were eight columns of eight entries each. [redacted]

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Comment. The numbered camp sections are keyed to a sketch in a previous report. [redacted] Camp Sections No 1, 2 and 4 possibly quartered components of both the 272d Gds Mort Regt and the 22d (?) Gds Mitz Rifle Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div. Lieutenant Colonel Balbanovski (fmu) was reported [redacted] to have been the commanding officer of a unit in Jueterbog-Altes Lager as early as 25X1X November 1950.

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25X1B To the 2497th AAA Regt of the 14th Gds Mecz Div. However, since it was listed in connection with other [redacted] of the 6th Gds Tank Div, [redacted] can now fairly 25X1B definitely be carried as being assigned to an unidentified component of the 6th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] has been repeatedly reported from the Wittenberg-Haigerloch area and, according to the present report, is also believed to belong to a component of the 6th Gds Tank Div. In conclusion, the blackboard at the Headquarters building indicates that eight components of the division were at Camp Verder at the time of the report.

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